



HARLES, By the grace of God, King of great Britain,
France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.
To the Provest and Baillies of our Burgh of And to our Lo-
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Messengers, Our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally specially constitute, Greeting. Forsameikle as our Estates of Parliament conveened at Edinburgh, this 20. of February instant, Taking into consideration the long continuance of the present Rebellion of some unnaturall Countrey-men, and the invasion from the Irish, with the great expence must be sustained for suppressing the same, and carrying on the Warre, and how necessary it is that some solide way be provided for the constant Maintenance of the Forces to be employed therein; Have therefore concluded, that twelve hundred Horse, two hundred and ten Dragooners, and six thousand Foot, with their Officers,

shall be entertained and kept on Pay, towards the prosecution of the Warre, until by Gods blessing the same be brought to an happy end: Likeas they have inacted and ordained, that ilk Shire and Burgh within the Kingdome shall be lyable and oblieged Monethly, for the space of nine Moneths, in payment of the particular summes of money contained in the Rolls set down and exprest in our said Act of Parliament, (except the suspension granted to some Shires and Burghs mentioned in the said Act, and what is assigned of the first Moneth by a former Act to the Regiments that served at Philip-haugh) Beginning the first terme from the 10. of January last, and so forth Monethly to the tenth of October next to come: And because the most part of the first Moneths Maintenance is either assigned or payed; That therefore the remainder thereof not assigned, as also the payment of the second Moneth, shall begin upon the first of March next, (the interveening dayes being allowed for ingathering thereof) and so Monethly thereafter, from each first day of the Month to another, during the continuance of the present Maintenance, except what is suspended or assigned as said is: And for in-bringing of that part of the said nine Moneths Maintenance due to be payed by our severall free Burrows of this our Kingdom; Our other Letters are direct, Charging the Magistrates of ilk Burgh, To make payment to our trustie and welbeloved Counceller Sir John Weemes of Bogie Knight, Collector-General, appointed by the said Act, or to his Deputes in his name, of the Maintenance imposed upon ilk one of our free Burrows, at the diets and termes exprest in our Act of Parliament, and conform thereto in all points, under the pain of Rebellion, and putting of them to our Horn. For whose relief;

UR WILL IS, and we charge you straitly and command, that incontinent thir our Letters seen, you passe, and in our name and authority command and charge the whole Heretors, Burgesses, and inhabitants, or any exercising any trade within our Burgh of and liberties thereof, to make payment to you our said Provest and Baillies of that summe due to be payed by them, and ilk ane of them for their parts *respectivè*, for ilk Moneth of the nine Moneths Maintenance aforesaid, conform to the Roll of the valuation of the said Burgh, at the dayes and termes set down in our Act of Parliament: And the saids dayes being past, within three dayes next after they bee charged by you thereto, under the pain of Rebellion and putting of them to our Horn: And if they failzie therein, the saids three dayes for ilk moneth being bygone, that you incontinent thereafter denounce the disobeyers our Rebels, and put them to our Horn: And escheit and inbring all their moveable goods and geir to our use, for their disobedience; and if need be, that you our said Provest and Baillies Poind and distrenzie therefore, according to justice: The which to do, we commit to you conjunctly and severally our full power by thir our Letters, delivering the same by you duely execute and indorsed again to the bearer. Given under our Signer at Edinburgh the 20. of February, and of our Reign the 21. yeer, 1647.

Per actum Parliamenti.



John Weemes of Bogie Knight